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TURE-REACTOR (HTR) DEVELOPMENT

1. ON SEPT 19 FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY MATTHOEFER COMMENTED ON PRESS REPORTS
ABOUT A POSSIBLE SOVIET-GERMAN COOPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE REACTORS. FOLLOWING IS AN
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER
GIVEN DURING A PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE.

2. Q. (MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DR. STEGER, SPD):
IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FAMILIAR WITH A SOVIET
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PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE JOINT R & D OF THE HTR INTO
THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT ABOUT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT INTEND TO RESPOND?

A. (MATTHOEFER):
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE SOVIET INTER-
EST IN JOINT R & D IN THE FIELD OF HTR - TECHNOLOGY

WHICH WAS EXPRESSED DURING THE MOST RECENT VISIT
OF A SOVIET DELEGATION ARRANGED BY GERMAN COMPANIES
IN JUNE 1977.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GENERALLY BELIEVES THAT A
COOPERATION WOULD PROVE FERTILE. THE PREREQUISITE
FOR SUCH A COOPERATION, HOWEVER, IS A GENERAL INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED.

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